

**EXHIBIT C**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

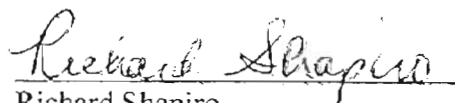
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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 v. )  
 )  
 ROBERT COPLAN, )  
 MARTIN NISSENBAUM, )  
 RICHARD SHAPIRO, and )  
 BRIAN VAUGHN, )  
 )  
 Defendants. )  
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**DEFENDANT RICHARD SHAPIRO'S  
WAIVER OF APPEARANCE  
AT JULY 10, 2007  
STATUS CONFERENCE**

07 CR 453 (SHS)

The undersigned defendant, Richard Shapiro, waives his right to be present for the status conference hearing in the above-captioned matter on July 10, 2007. The undersigned defendant acknowledges that he has been advised by counsel of his right to be present and he understands the basis for the waiver. Counsel for the undersigned defendant will appear on his behalf and with full authority to act on his behalf.

Dated: July 3, 2007

  
Richard Shapiro

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